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Ms. Marva Gay  
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OR98-2445

Dear Ms. Gay:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Open Records Act (the "act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 118953.

Four Harris County judges received requests for information. You assert that the act does not require the judges to release the requested information to the requestor. We agree.

Section 552.003(1)(B) of the Government Code excludes the judiciary from the act. Thus, the act does not require the judges to release the information. However, records of the judiciary may be available for public inspection under other statutory or common-law rights. Attorney General Opinion DM-166 (1992).

We are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and may not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Hastings".

Kay Hastings  
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Open Records Division

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